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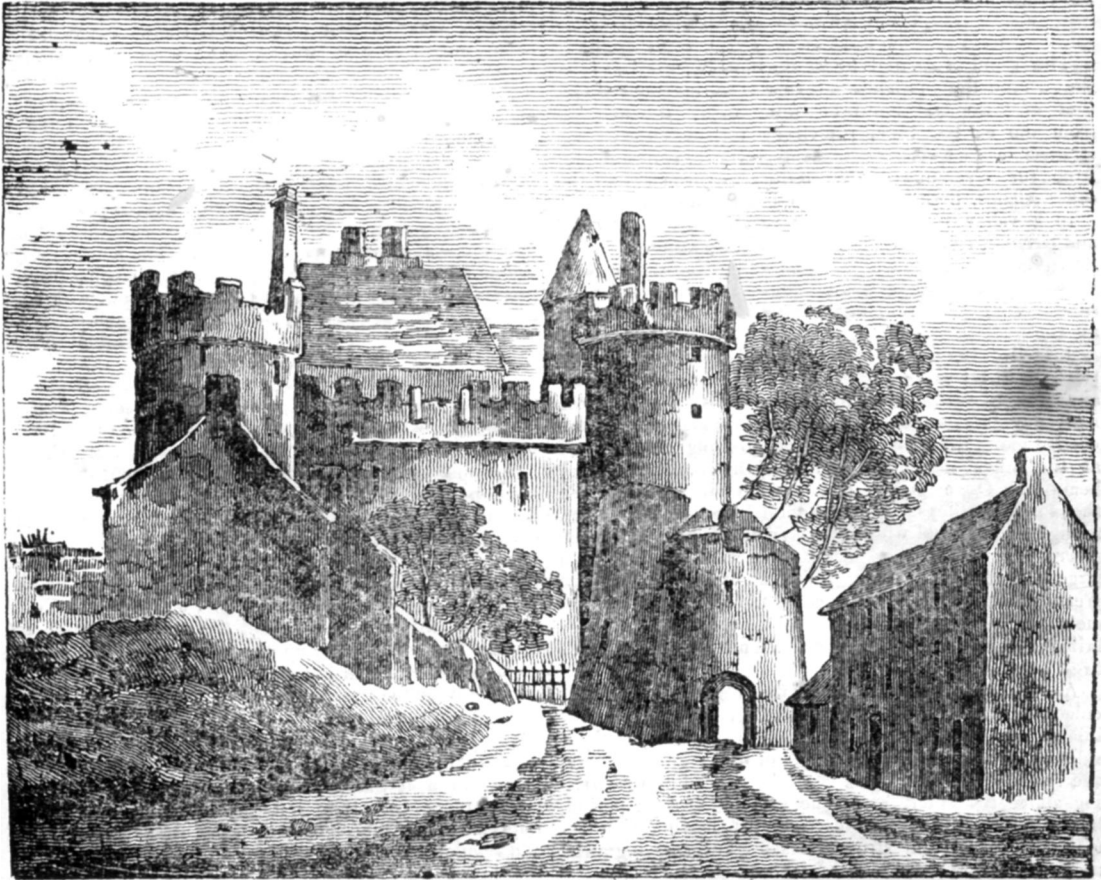
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KILLYLEAGH CASTLE, COUNTY OF DOWN.

The castellated mansion seen in the prefixed view stands adjoining the town of Killyleagh, and was formerly the seat of the Hamiltons, Earls of Clancaboy, and Clanbrasil; from whom it descended, with a portion of its domains, to the present venerable proprietor, Archibald H. Rowen, Esq. On an archway, at the entrance, is in large figures of cut stone, the date 1666; probably referring to the period of the erection of this castle, or at least to its being rebuilt; as a castle stood here long prior to the above period, called from the surname of its owner, *White's castle*. At present this building appears desolate and neglected, its courts and yards are overgrown with weeds, and the walls have assumed that dull, hoary aspect, so indicant of ruin, and appears as if destined to moulder through all the various stages of decay.

Killyleagh is the only town in the small barony of Dufferin, and was formerly held by the Irish sept of Mac Cartan, who also possessed the barony of Kinclarty, or Mac Cartan's country, and the southern parts of that of Castleleagh. On the conquest of the maritime parts of Ulster by Sir John de Courcy, an English family named Mandeville, settled at Killyleagh, who were succeeded by the Whites, who were also of English extraction.

In 1667, the castle of the Whites was besieged by the celebrated Shane O'Neill, but its defenders made such a

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vigorous resistance, that Shane was at length compelled to abandon this enterprise.

In 1590, the family of the Whites are represented as greatly reduced in circumstances, being only able to raise one hundred and twenty footmen, and twenty horse, a force declared quite inadequate to plant or defend the country. Eight years afterwards they were only able to muster twenty footmen, at which period it is noted that the Dufferin is held by "one White, a mean gentleman."

1598, About this time Captain Ancholy Mac Cartan, joining Tyrone in his rebellion with two hundred and fifty horsemen and some kerns, on the suppression of that turbulent chieftan, the remaining possessions of the Mac Cartans, in the Dufferin, were attained.

By the population returns made in 1821, the town of Killyleagh contained two hundred and six dwelling-houses, and 1110 inhabitants.

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"THE AMULET."

Although this handsome little candidate for the honors of the new year may not be deemed so amusing as some of its competitors, the articles it furnishes will certainly be found to contain much more useful information